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Concert Series Planned

Wilma Luth

This winter, the Redeemer College auditorium will be filled with the sounds of stringed instruments. The Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra will be performing three concerts in a series entitled "Stained Glass".

The HPO had used our facilities to practice in, and Boris Brott, its conductor, had been very impressed. He wanted to take advantage of them. In June he approached the college with the idea of a concert series. This series would be created by his company, Standing Ovations Co., and the college's quickly formed Concert Committee. The committee consists of Bert Polman, Margaret Buma, Chris Teeuswen, and Daina Doucet.

Administrative Council agreed with the idea on the condition that the committee guarantee that 400 tickets will be sold. This condition was met by recruiting twenty volunteers to sell twenty tickets each.

Redeemer music students can take advantage of the series in a unique way. They will be allowed to sit in on the rehearsals on the day of each performance. Afterwards Brott will lecture on the music which will be presented. At 7 pm on concert evenings, Brott will give public lectures about the performance.

Having a musical series the calibre of this one at Redeemer is quite a coup for the college. It will give important exposure for the acoustic facilities we have, and students will have the opportunity to listen to high calibre musical performances.

Consistory Still Out on Twin Services Jim Huinink

Recent conflict has arisen over Sunday morning worship at Ancaster Christian Reformed Church. Because of congested hallways, overflowing Sunday school classrooms and nursery rooms, Rev. Bernard De Jong has recommended that the church move to two services. In an arrangement with Cor Kors, Dean of Students, it was decided that Redeemer students would worship elsewhere for four weeks beginning September 20. After this four week period, it was recommended that Ancaster Church begin having two services. Unfortunately, this recommendation was printed in the bulletin before consistory had had a chance to discuss it. Needless to say, this led to some confusion, for which Rev. De Jong has since apologized to consistory and the congregation.

On Monday September 28, Ancaster consistory met and recommended a move to two services. However, this recommendation must have the support of the congregation, which will have a meeting October 14 to give their input, after which the council will make its final decision on the matter. As of now, we do not know if we will be able to worship regularly with the Ancaster church.

Students at Redeemer College should be sensitive to the needs of the Ancaster congregation. Since the college has moved into the area, the influx of Redeemer staff, faculty, and married students has caused a great increase in the size of the congregation. The problem is not just the

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EDITORIAL

"Memories"

John H. Noorhof

Imagine where you will be ten years from now. More than likely you will have a spouse, one or two children, a home, and an established job. When you page through your yearbooks of your college year what will you remember?

Will you remember Redeemer College as a place of hard work, where the rat race of academic excellence took priority over all else? Or will your memories be of dorm raids, parties, and everything else but academics? These memories are two possible extremes one can leave this place with, and both are wrong.

If the only thing you can remember so far this year is doing the ton of homework sitting on your desk, it is time to get out of your room and get involved in some social activity. If, on the other hand, you've only been social, it's time to crack the books. The problem, however, in setting up this neat formula is that it creates a dualism: where "hard work" is opposed to "good

fun".

Part of the solution, therefore, is to integrate the aspect of "fun" into academics. Going to classes, reading texts, and doing papers can be made into enjoyable matters. It requires becoming active in the learning process. Ask your professors the questions you have but are afraid to since lectures become alive when discussion and debate enter in. Among all the papers, there must be one that really interests you; if so, dig deeper and pursue the matter. Debate points outside of the classroom. Make the cafeteria or bookstore a lively place. When we become part of the learning process, academic life becomes more than hard work; it also becomes enchanting.

As a result our memories will contain that lasting friendships developed here, the excitement of dorm life, and also the curious investigations we made into subjects we never heard of before.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: Crown, Sept. 21, 1987

Just a note to say I was somewhat shocked to read on p. 6 of the Crown the article aiming to recruit new writers for this newspaper. I was not only shocked, I was a little saddened too. I wish there would be less Bible joking and sanctified punning. Our cleverness has limits. Please, as a newspaper, don't twist, and use, and allude to the Holy Word of God for the purpose of making some statement that draws all honor and attention and applause to the speaker of it. I know that this dishonors God.

I could not help "wondering" what I read phrases like "your fellow brethren in the Lord, ... your blessed input, ... brothers and sisters ... community of believers ... beloved." I dare say they are heartless Christians who can so flippantly throw

these phrases about, assuming God's approval on them.

Please, John, if possible, don't let this kind of thing run through the press. I think if you really take God and His Word seriously, you will sense what I mean.

Thanks,
Jo-Anne Kranendonk.

To the Editor of the Crown:

Although I am not sure about the spelling which you chose, I was pleased to see the inclusion of the word "chic" in Marcella VanderPloeg's article on page 4 of the Sept. 21, 1987 Crown. I have long felt that "chick" is a word worth recuperating.

Cheers,
Edwin Plantinga.

ASIDE

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Lloyd Rang

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

That's a pretty old adage. In fact, it probably originated with some old garage mechanic working on a "Model A" in the hot sun. It's an adage abounding in common sense. Irrelevant, you say? Not entirely. In the six years that Redeemer College has been in operation, our food system has been in for overhaul on a yearly basis. Each returning year has returned to find that the only thing in abundance in the first two weeks of school is shortage. One can never be sure if the college will deliver food to the door or if we students will have to pick it up.

Don't believe for a minute that we students mind picking up our food. We're not a lazy lot. We don't really mind carbohydrates or a limited selection of food. What we do mind, though, is the inconsistency of a system that insults our intelligence. This year the store has elected to price everything. Not only is the meaning of the pricing idea ambiguous to most, but the prices are wildly exaggerated. Everyone knows that Rice Krispies don't retail for \$4.37 anywhere on the North American continent, that a jar of Cheez Whiz worth \$4.99 would have to have been milked from a golden cow, and that a roll of rusks for \$1.16 makes little sense. Not in this lifetime, anyway.

If it ain't broke ...

Still, the prices wouldn't be intolerable if we only knew what they were for. What if a given dorm buys too much? Sure, they are warned, but what if in March the money runs out with the lamb? Does the food disappear too? What if in April a given dorm finds it has spent too little over the year. Do they get a refund? Not in this lifetime.

If it ain't broke ...

But it is. The system always takes time to slip into a groove and get going. That's where problems start. It was only

when three dorms threatened to opt out of the food plan that the system started to work. This shouldn't be. News of poor organization goes home to (paying) supporters. When they get irate, it means one more public relations headache we don't need. A small college seeking to be taken seriously cannot afford to let a student support program sputter like that. It's not very sensible. Nor is it understandable. After six years (two in Ancaster) the system should be running smoothly. I think that we students have a right to demand that there be no glitches. In this lifetime.

As they say,

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

ANCASTER FAIR

Sue Kiers

Redeemer's booth at the Ancaster Fair seemed to be quite a success in some ways, and in others a bit disappointing.

Rex made his debut as Redeemer's mascot and was a hot item! (Ask anyone who wore the costume.) The kids loved him and greedily took away balloons bearing his message and pawprint. He also took quite a bit of abuse from those ankle-biters who pulled his tail, and punched, hit, and gently abused him when they discovered there was only a person inside.

The kids were the ones who showed the most interest, and their interest didn't last after the balloons were gone. Most people walked down the back alley by the booth, looked quickly at the "Redeemer Christian College" sign and walked on. A few showed interest and picked up information or just said, "Oh yeah, that's the school across the way." They just aren't sure how to deal with the Christian concept.

I feel the greatest success came from the Redeemer students who volunteered time out of their busy schedules to be at the booth. Your response and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated.

MEDITATION

Dick Kievit

Luke 12:13-21
Rich Fool

Parable of the

The parable of the rich fool is meant to illustrate the truth that "a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." In the parable, God addresses the man very poignantly as a "fool", and appropriately so, for he was living as if there was no God. Now that his fields have yielded an exceptional harvest, he has lost the sense of dependence upon, accountability to, and consequent enjoyment of God. His motto is no longer "pray and work", but "eat, drink and be merry."

The foolishness of the fool consists in this: that while missing the communion with God, he deceives himself and says, "Soul ... take your ease." It is the Lord Himself who calls this man back to reality. He concretely places him before the fact of his accountability ("this night your soul is required of you") and then presses him to examine the ultimate devotion of his heart, when He says: "... and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

To the extent that we adopt the modern western mindset of vain materialism, self-reliance, independence and arrogance, the Bible calls us fools. How do we stand before God, collectively and individually? Now that we have raised our larger storehouses, have we lost our sense of dependence upon God? The institution we have prepared, whose will it be--in ten years? Ultimately, the life for which we are preparing here at Redeemer, whose will it be?

In contrast to that of the fool, the Bible presents a better life: the abundant life in Christ. This is the humble life of the peasant, who goes every morning before dawn to his Master's granary to receive his daily portion of grain out of the Father's hands. to be a follower of Christ is to appear a fool in the eyes of the world,

but it is the only life worth living and dying for. Therefore, "let the fool depart from his folly" and become a "fool for Christ's sake."

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Erick Schuringa, Vice-President

The first few weeks of the year require cooperation in order that all the College functions can get off to a smooth start. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who stopped by the Student Council Office to let us know where the rough spots were. In case you aren't sure about the results of your "complaints," I have listed the changes brought about because of your having taken the time to voice your opinions:

1. A \$65 grant is given to students taking Mac courses provided the course is a requirement for their degree. This money is for transportation costs.
2. The Registrar is working diligently (or will be shortly) to try to fit the exams in by the evening of Dec. 23, at the latest.
3. Dr. Kranendonk tells us that the orchard path will be paved next year, provided the traffic levels warrant such action.
4. Pencil sharpeners will be placed, for your convenience, in Room 245, the academic support room, and in other strategic locations a la C. Kors.
5. Other problems are being looked into at this very moment, and still others have been settled up on an individual basis.

Thank you for positive comments and encouragement. They are greatly appreciated.

Student Council would like to announce that a Town Hall meeting is scheduled for November 5 during assembly. Come out and confront your Student Council. And finally, the rumour that a reallocation of student work study jobs will take place is TRUE! The reason for this is to put more students to work in areas which desperately need help and to better use the money set aside for work study grants. Please prepare yourself for the possible changes in any way necessary!

SCIENCE

Rodney DeKoter and Mark Luimes
(of the Natural Science Club)

On September 16, 1987, the newly formed Natural Science Club of Redeemer College held its first meeting. This club has been a long time coming, as sciences have greatly increased in importance at Redeemer in the last number of years. The club is concerned with many scientific issues ranging from philosophy and interpretations of science to particular current issues. We hope this science column will also help sciences at Redeemer to be recognized as a worthwhile calling.

Because of the fairly small percentage of science students at Redeemer, the natural sciences are often overlooked by students in other areas of study. We have been unseen and unheard for a long time (though this year we mean to change that). Our science profs are rumoured to be pretty good, although few people have met them or even know what they look like. Our students are sometimes held in awe just because we can understand some of those bizarre symbols and words, not for what we can contribute to society. Part of the Natural Science Club's goal for this year and years to come is to change some of these ideas--to raise the level of consciousness about science at Redeemer College while beginning to put to practical use the excellent science resources we have here.

Science, whether you artists out there like it or not, is a large part of everyday life. Many modern day political and moral issues are direct results of scientific studies; for example, genetic engineering and forestry. Scientists are often trusted by society too much, simply because society is not aware of their methods and goals. Intelligence and ability do not go hand in hand with morality and responsibility. There should be a much wider participation in what kind of research goes on in our world. Who knows--maybe there are things that science could reveal,

but would be better left untouched.

For the above reasons, the level of familiarity with science should be raised at Redeemer College. Hopefully, the newly-formed Natural Science Club will try to tackle some of these tough issues. Christians should be leaders and not followers in the world, and nowhere does this apply more than in the world of science. Remember, Redeemer College is training students for service in God's kingdom. This means setting examples for the rest of the world while doing productive work ourselves. We hope that the formation of a Natural Science Club at Redeemer College reflects a growing trend that science certainly is a viable and serious Christian calling.

LET'S GO DUTCH



**Netherlandic Studies Program
Spring Semester of 1988**

Courses Offered

- Dutch Language and Literature
- Dutch Art and Architecture
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For further information contact:
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SPEAKERS ON CAMPUS
Ecumenism for Conservatives
 John H. Noordhof

Anne Roch Muggeridge, an unashamed conservative within the Roman Catholic Church (RCC), spoke in the Contemporary Religious Situation class last Wednesday. The first half of her speech re-iterated the thesis of her latest book, The Desolate City. The thesis of that book is that the present moral collapse in the RCC is the result of the revolution after Vatican II, which was in itself a conservative event yet which provided a window of opportunity for a revolution. This revolution is in essence the concept of truth becoming relative, subjective, and historically conditioned; as opposed to the orthodox position that truth is true for everyone and for all time. The root of this revolution according to her is the Protestant principle in which private judgement is the only authority. Unless this Protestant principle is restrained, the church (both Protestant and RCC) will become subjective and secular. For Roche, the RCC is "in open but undeclared schism." While for her the revolution is so entrenched in the bureaucracy it is hard to conceive of how it can be expelled, Roche is confident that the RCC will survive.

The second part of her speech dealt with a new type of ecumenism in which orthodox believers can join common cause on many issues, such as the value and dignity of human life. Referring to Neuhaus' upcoming book The Catholic Moment, she envisions a confessional ecumenism based on theological coherence and confessional integrity. In this way genuine believers can fight together against secularization. While Roche would admit Jews and Muslims to the side of believers, this unity is based at the social and moral level. In further discussion she went on to say that orthodox Christians have a deeper unity going beyond this level.

Roche was well received by her audience and dealt with the questions

asked as best she could. It became clear that she was a lady of high principle who was willing to speak out for them. There seemed to be much sympathy among the Protestant audience for the view points that she was presenting.

ENTERTAINMENT REVIEW
COMMITTEE

Margaret Van Dyke

Hello, my name is Makie Van Dyke and I would like to tell you about the Entertainment Review Committee. We are a group of six people, two from staff, two from the community, and two students, who will preview films before they are shown in the Rec. Centre or the chapel/auditorium. We are not here to censor movies or to act as a security-agent to protect you from the bad world of the entertainment industry. We want all students to be able to view good films and we will try to select those films that are worth showing. Our film selection policy runs as follows:

In keeping with the Christian basis and academic task of Redeemer College, the following general guidelines are to be used in selecting and showing on-campus films for educational and entertainment purposes:

1. Each selection should show sufficient religious, philosophical, artistic and/or entertainment value to enrich a Christian audience.
2. Each selection, for the most part, should avoid exploitation of profanity, vulgarity, sexuality, violence, racism, or other provocative content.
3. Selections rated "PG" and "PG-13" (restricted to 13 and over) by the Motion Picture Rating Code may be chosen only if they meet the other standards for selection. Those rated "R" might be acceptable by exceptions.
4. The films selected should be representative of the wide variety of expression available through the film arts, e.g. documentary, drama, Hollywood-type,

European, Canadian.

In our evaluation, we will make recommendations to the Dean of Students on the following:

- a) to approve or not approve the film, with grounds.
- b) to show the film to a general audience.
- c) to show the film with guide questions and/or discussion.

If you have any suggestions as to a film that you would like to see here at Redeemer College, please write it down on the suggestion sheet in the Rec. Centre. We really appreciate it!

If you have any questions, please contact the chairman of the Review Committee, Dr. H. Brouwer; Greg Linell; or myself. Thanks.

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number of students during the school year. The increase in the number of families has led to such problems as over-filled Sunday school classes. Temporary solutions such as having class in the hallway are really not solutions at all. As much as the parishioners at Ancaster want to welcome Redeemer, there is the simple problem of lack of space. They are thankful for the blessing of growth, but have come to realize that growth seldom comes without growing pains. By having students attend other churches on Sunday mornings, there is some relief from over-crowding.

Redeemer students, including those who drive cars, should honour the wishes of the Ancaster church, as we are guests in the area. Also, it would not hurt to check out other churches in the area. We should also be thankful to the congregation of the Ancaster church as they have compromised much already in allowing us to worship with them. In the meantime, let's be patient and understanding as they come to their decision.

THOUGHTFUL SELECTION

All I Ever Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarden.

Robert Fulgham, Kansas City Times

September 17, 1986

Submitted by Doug Hoogsteen

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarden. Wisdom was not at the top of the gradutate school mountain but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned: Share Everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon. When

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you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the cup--they all die. So do we.

And them remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, and the biggest word of all: LOOK. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all--the whole world--had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Grace Sikma

The Redeemer College Women's Soccer Team merits recognition in this issue of the Crown for they have been working hard at scheduled practises and games for the past few weeks. The sixteen team members as well as the notorious coaches, Jamie Van Spronsen and student Barb Vanderhout, have taken advantage of our new soccer field as they work together building endurance, skill, and unity.

The team played, led, and won its first home game against Cambton College from Sarnia on Sept. 23rd using a 5-3-2 offense. The weather was really warm and the girls played hard; the final result of the game was 3-0 for Redeemer College. The team warrants especial attention for this score because this was the first official game that they had played together and it takes some adjustment to get used to each other on the team and to work as a unit.

The second game that they played was held in Windsor against St. Clair College on Saturday, Sept. 26. After the long drive to Windsor, the team started the game with a 4-3-3 line set-up. St. Clair was leading 3-0 at half-time, but Redeemer gave them a final challenge in the last half, making the score of the game 4-2.

The most recent game was at home against Smithville Christian High on Wednesday, Sept. 30. The team won an exciting four to one match.

Upcoming Sports Events

Men's Soccer

- Oct. 3 Mohawk (Home) 12:00 noon
- Oct. 5 Conestoga (Home) 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 6 Seneca (Home) 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 15 At Seneca
- Oct. 17 At George Brown
- Oct. 21 At Sheridan

Women's Soccer

- Oct. 2-3 O.C.A.A. Regionals, Sarnia
- Oct. 16-17 O.C.A.A. Championships, Altonquin

Cross Country

- Oct. 3 OCAA Cross Country Championships Georgian College